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SUB: CHAIRMAN DEMOCRATIC SOCIALIST UNIFIED BUDDHIST FORCES OF  
VIETNAM CALLS ON US CONGRESS TO AID RVN

1. WE HAVE BEEN ASKED TO TRANSMIT FOLLOWING MESSAGE TO US  
CONGRESS ON BEHALF OF PROFESSOR VU QUOC THONG, CHAIRMAN OF  
DEMOCRATIC SOCIALIST UNIFIED BUDDHIST FORCES OF VIETNAM.  
REQUEST THAT DEPARTMENT PASS TO APPROPRIATE RECIPIENTS ON  
HILL.

2. BEGIN TEXT:

TO: HONORABLE CONGRESSMEN  
CAPITOL HILL WASHINGTON, D.C.

FROM : THE DEMOCRATIC SOCIALIST UNIFIED BUDDHIST FORCES OF VIETNAM.

ON BEHALF OF MILLIONS OF VIETNAMESE BUDDHISTS AND SYMPA-  
THISERS, WE PLEAD FOR YOUR SUPPORT OF PRESIDENT FORD'S REQUEST  
FOR ADDITIONAL HUMANITARIAN AND MILITARY ASSISTANCE TO SOUTH  
VIETNAM. DESPITE DIVERGENT OPINIONS OF SOME PROMINENT MEMBERS  
OF THE CONGRESS, WE DO HOPE THAT YOU WILL NOT DEPRIVE US OF THE  
MEANS TO DEFEND OURSELVES AGAINST THE ATTACK OF THE NORTH  
VIETNAMESE COMMUNISTS IN DIRECT VIOLATION OF THE PARIS AGREE-  
MENTS AND TO WORK FOR PEACEFUL NEGOTIATION. THE FACT THAT  
TWENTY YEARS AGO AND AGAIN VERY RECENTLY MILLIONS OF SOUTH  
VIETNAMESE WERE WILLING TO ABANDON ALL THEIR PROPERTIES AND  
TO ENDURE ANY HARDSHIP INCLUDING DEATH TO FLEE BEFORE NORTH  
VIETNAMESE ADVANCES ELOQUENTLY, SUPPORTS THE PLEA THAT OUR  
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PEOPLE DESERVE A CHANCE TO FIGHT FOR OUR FREEDOM.

SINCE WE ARE AWARE THAT YOUR DECISION WILL BE DETERMINANT TO THE SURVIVAL OF A FREE VIETNAM, WE STRONGLY HOPE THAT YOU WILL NOT DEPRIVE THE FREEDOM-LOVING PEOPLE OF SOUTH VIETNAM OF A LAST CHANCE TO REMAIN IN THE FREE COMMUNITY. PROFESSOR VU QUOC THONG, CHAIRMAN OF THE DEMOCRATIC SOCIALIST UNIFIED BUDDHIST FORCES OF VIETNAM. END TEXT.

3. COMMENT: THIS ORGANIZATION, BETTER KNOWN AS VIETNAMESE BUDDHIST SOCIAL DEMOCRATIC FORCE, WAS FOUNDED IN 1971 AND IS AFFILIATED WITH QUOC TU BUDDHIST CHURCH. VU QUOC THONG IS WELL-KNOWN ATTORNEY AND FORMER DEAN OF SAIGON' UNIVERISTY'S SCHOOL OF LAW.  
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NOTE BY OC/T: NOT PASSED CAPITAL HILL.

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